

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION to honor and memorialize James
W. Spurgeon, former State Senator from the State of Indiana.

LEWIS, SKILLMAN

_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



Introduced

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION to honor and memorialize James W. Spurgeon, former State Senator from the State of Indiana.

Whereas, James W. (Jim) Spurgeon faithfully served the State of Indiana and Jackson County in the public arena for over 40 years;

Whereas, Jim Spurgeon was elected to the Indiana House of Representatives in 1947 and served four consecutive terms;

Whereas, Jim Spurgeon was elected to the Indiana Senate where he served from 1956 to 1968 and then again from 1978 to 1982;

Whereas, Prior to his service in the Indiana General Assembly, Senator Spurgeon worked as the chief licensing officer with the Indiana Department of Insurance, where he established the first state insurance exam;

Whereas, Senator Spurgeon also served as deputy county clerk in Jackson County and later in the state treasurer's office;

Whereas, Senator Spurgeon graduated in 1936 from Central Business College and purchased George Gunder Insurance Agency, now Jackson County Insurance agency;

Whereas, Senator Spurgeon enjoyed a wonderful marriage to his wife, Pauline Dawson Spurgeon, and strong family bonds with his two children, John William and Jaline, and his seven grandchildren;

Whereas, Senator Spurgeon honorably served his county in the

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Army during World War II;

Whereas, Senator Spurgeon was actively involved in his community as chairman of the building committee for the Brownstown swimming pool, 50-year member of the Knights of Pythias, the Scottish Rite and the Masonic Lodge, 50-year member of the Brownstown Lions Club, where he served as past Lions Club district governor, 50-year member of the Brownstown American Legion, and a member of the Seymour Elks Club and Seymour and Hickory Hills golf clubs;

Whereas, Senator Spurgeon was awarded many distinguished honors, including the Brownstown Chamber of Commerce's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2000, was named the grand marshal of the Jackson County Watermelon Festival in 1999, and was named both a Sagamore of the Wabash and a Kentucky Colonel;

Whereas, during Senator Spurgeon's time in the General Assembly, he advocated for many issues affecting his district in Southern Indiana and the State of Indiana as a whole; and,

Whereas, Senator Spurgeon passed away on February 1, 2001, leaving behind a loving family, and many friends and admiring colleagues: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly
of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes the
2 service of Senator James W. Spurgeon to the State of Indiana.

3 SECTION 2. That the Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
4 to transmit copies of this Resolution to Pauline Dawson Spurgeon, and
5 John William and Jaline Spurgeon.

